

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:
 - entering via an electronic prescription creation device a drug for a prescription;
 - viewing a drug use evaluation alert on a graphical user interface of the electronic prescription creation device;
 - viewing on the graphical user interface a query of whether the user desires to override the drug use evaluation alert; and
 - entering via the electronic prescription creation device an override of the drug use evaluation alert.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - viewing on the graphical user interface a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.
3. The method of claim 2, the plurality of representations including a representation that a patient is no longer taking a conflicting drug.
4. The method of claim 2, the plurality of representations including a representation that a patient is stabilized on the drug for the prescription.
5. The method of claim 2, the plurality of representations including a representation that a patient is not allergic to the drug for the prescription.
6. The method of claim 2, the plurality of representations including a representation that a dosage of the drug is appropriate for a patient's weight.
7. The method of claim 2, the plurality of representations including a representation that a dosage of the drug is appropriate for a patient's condition.

8. The method of claim 2, the plurality of representations including a representation that a patient is not pregnant.
9. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
selecting via the electronic prescription creation device at least one of the plurality of representations.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
completing the prescription with the electronic prescription creation device.
11. The method of claim 10, the prescription being a paper prescription printed with a printer in communication with the electronic prescription creation device.
12. The method of claim 11, the paper prescription including indicia thereon communicating that the user has overridden the drug use evaluation alert.
13. The method of claim 12, the indicia including the drug use evaluation alert.
14. The method of claim 10, the prescription being an electronic prescription.
15. The method of claim 14, the electronic prescription including information communicating that the user has overridden the drug use evaluation alert.
16. The method of claim 15, the information including the drug use evaluation alert.
17. The method of claim 1, the drug use evaluation alert being at least one of:
a drug-allergy alert;
a drug-disease alert;
a drug-drug interaction alert;
a drug-food interaction alert;
an overuse alert;

a drug-lab conflict alert;
a high dose alert;
a tobacco use alert;
an ingredient duplication alert;
an excessive drug quantity alert;
an under-use alert;
an iatrogenic condition alert;
an excessive duration alert;
a low dose alert;
a lactation/nursing interaction alert;
an alcohol conflict alert;
an insufficient quantity alert;
a sub-optimal regimen alert;
a drug-age alert;
a drug-pregnancy alert;
a sub-optimal drug/indication alert;
a sub-optimal dosage form alert; and
a drug-gender alert.

18. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
entering via the electronic prescription creation device a reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.
19. The method of claim 1, the electronic prescription creation device being a personal digital assistant.
20. A method comprising:
entering via an electronic prescription creation device configured to create prescriptions a drug for a patient's prescription;
viewing a drug use evaluation alert on a graphical user interface of the electronic prescription creation device; and

entering via the electronic prescription creation device a reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising:

viewing on the graphical user interface a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for overriding the drug use evaluation alert, the entering via the electronic prescription creation device the reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert including selecting via the electronic prescription creation device at least one of the plurality of representations.

22. The method of claim 21, the plurality of representations including at least one of the following:

a representation that the patient is no longer taking a conflicting drug
a representation that the patient is stabilized on the drug for the prescription;
a representation that the patient is not allergic to the drug for the prescription;
a representation that a dosage of the drug is appropriate for the patient's weight;
a representation that the dosage of the drug is appropriate for the patient's condition;
a representation that the patient is not pregnant;
a representation of a narrow therapeutic drug index;
a representation that a concurrent diagnosis prohibits another selection;
a representation of a failed therapy; and
a representation that the patient is unable to take another selection.

23. The method of claim 20, further comprising;

completing the prescription with the electronic prescription creation device, the prescription being at least one of a paper prescription and an electronic prescription, the prescription including information communicating the drug use evaluation alert.

24. The method of claim 23, the prescription including an indication that the user has overridden the drug use evaluation alert.

25. A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, the instructions when executed by an electronic prescription creation device cause the electronic prescription creation device to:

- create a prescription for a patient;
- present on a graphical user interface of the electronic prescription creation device a drug use evaluation alert;
- present on the graphical user interface a representation that queries whether the user desires to override the drug use evaluation alert; and
- receive from the user a user an override of the drug use evaluation alert.

26. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

- present on the graphical user interface a plurality of motives for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

- receive from the user a reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert, the reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert being at least one of the plurality of motives presented on the graphical user interface.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, the reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert being at least one of:

- an indication that the patient is no longer taking a conflicting drug;
- an indication that the patient is stabilized on the drug for the prescription;
- an indication that the patient is not allergic to the drug for the prescription;
- an indication that a dosage of the drug is appropriate for the patient's weight;
- an indication that the dosage of the drug is appropriate for the patient's condition; and
- an indication that the patient is not pregnant;

an indication of a narrow therapeutic drug index;
an indication that a concurrent diagnosis prohibits another selection;
an indication of a failed therapy; and
an indication that the patient is unable to take another selection.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

include with the prescription an indication that the user has overridden the drug use evaluation alert.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

include with the prescription the drug use evaluation alert.

31. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the prescription being an electronic prescription.

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the prescription being a paper prescription.

33. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

receive from the user a reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

communicate to a workstation via a network the reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.

35. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

communicate to a workstation via a network an indication that the user has overridden the drug use evaluation alert.

36. A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, the instructions when executed by an electronic prescription creation device cause the electronic prescription creation device to:

create a prescription for a patient;

present on a graphical user interface of the electronic prescription creation device a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for overriding a drug use evaluation alert; and

receive from the user a selection of one of the plurality of representations.

37. The computer-readable medium of claim 36, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:

communicate to a workstation via a network the selection of one of the plurality of representations.

38. A method comprising:

receiving from an electronic device configured to create prescriptions for patients an indication that a user of the electronic device has overridden a drug use evaluation alert.

39. The method of claim 38, further comprising:

receiving from the electronic device a reason why a user of the electronic device has overridden a drug use evaluation alert.

40. The method of claim 39, the reason being received by a service provider of software for the electronic device.
41. The method of claim 38, further comprising:
receiving a prescription created with the electronic device;
conducting a drug use evaluation for the received prescription to obtain another drug use evaluation alert;
determining whether the user has overridden the another drug use evaluation alert based on the received indication.
42. The method of claim 38, the indication being received by a pharmacy.
43. The method of claim 42, further comprising forwarding the indication to at least one of a pharmacy benefit management company and a claims processor.
44. The method of claim 38, the indication being received by a service provider of software for the electronic device.
45. A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium comprising:
computer-readable program code for causing an electronic prescription creation device to present a user of the electronic prescription creation device a drug use evaluation alert; and
computer-readable program code for causing the electronic prescription creation device to query whether the user desires to override the drug use evaluation alert; and
computer-readable program code for causing the electronic prescription creation device to receive an override of the drug use evaluation alert.
46. The computer data signal embodied in the transmission medium of claim 45, further comprising:
computer-readable program code for causing the electronic prescription creation device to present a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.

47. An apparatus comprising:
an electronic device configured to create prescriptions, the electronic device including means for querying whether the user desires to override the drug use evaluation alert, the electronic device including means for receiving an override of the drug use evaluation.
48. The apparatus of claim 47, the electronic device further comprising means for receiving a reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.
49. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium of an electronic prescription creation device, the code for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:
at least one representation querying whether the user desires to override the drug use evaluation alert.
50. The computer executable software code stored on the computer readable medium of the electronic prescription device of claim 49, the graphical user interface further comprising:
at least one representation corresponding to a motive for overriding the drug use evaluation alert.
51. A method comprising:
entering via a an electronic prescription creation device a drug for a prescription of a patient;
viewing on a graphical user interface of the electronic prescription creation device a query of whether the drug is to be dispensed as written; and
entering via the electronic prescription creation device an indication that the drug is to be dispensed as written; and
entering via the electronic prescription creation device a reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.
52. The method of claim 51, further comprising:

viewing on the graphical user interface a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for dispensing the drug as written.

53. The method of claim 51, the entering via the electronic prescription creation device the reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written including selecting one of the plurality of representations.

54. The method of claim 52, the plurality of representations including at least one NCPDP dispense as written code.

55. The method of claim 52, the plurality of representations including a representation that the drug is medically necessary.

56. The method of claim 52, the plurality of representations including a representation that a patient requests the drug.

57. The method of claim 51, the entering via the electronic prescription creation device an indication representing that the that the drug is to be dispensed as written including selecting an icon on the graphical user interface.

58. The method of claim 51, further comprising:
completing the prescription with the electronic prescription creation device.

59. The method of claim 58, the prescription being a paper prescription printed with a printer in communication with the electronic prescription creation device.

60. The method of claim 59, the paper prescription including indicia thereon communicating the reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.

61. The method of claim 60, the indicia including a NCPDP dispense as written code.

62. The method of claim 58, the prescription being an electronic prescription.
63. The method of claim 62, the electronic prescription including information communicating the reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.
64. The method of claim 63, the information further communication a NCPDP dispense as written code.
65. A method comprising:
entering via a an electronic prescription creation device a drug for a prescription of a patient;
viewing on a graphical user interface of the electronic prescription creation device a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for dispensing the drug as written;
and
entering via the electronic prescription creation device a reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.
66. The method of claim 65, the entering via the electronic prescription device a reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written including selecting at least one of the plurality of representations.
67. The method of claim 65, the plurality of representations including at least:
a representation that the drug is medically necessary; and
a representation that the patient requested the drug.
68. The method of claim 65, further comprising:
completing the prescription with the electronic prescription creation device, the prescription being at least one of a paper prescription and an electronic prescription and including information communicating the reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.

69. The method of claim 68, the information including at least one NCPDP dispense as written code.

70. The method of claim 67, the plurality of representations include including NCPDP dispense as written codes.

71. A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, the instructions when executed by an electronic device cause the electronic device to:
create a prescription for a drug; and
receive from a user of the electronic device a reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.

72. The computer-readable medium of claim 71, the instructions when executed by the electronic device further causing the electronic device to:
present on a graphical user interface of the electronic device a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for dispensing the drug as written.

73. The computer-readable medium of claim 72, the reason for overriding the drug use evaluation alert being at least one of the plurality of representations presented on the graphical user interface.

74. The computer-readable medium of claim 72, the plurality of representations including at least one of:
a representation that the drug is medically necessary; and
a representation that the patient requested the drug.

75. The computer-readable medium of claim 71, the instructions when executed by the electronic device further causing the electronic device to:
include with the prescription the reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.

76. The computer-readable medium of claim 75, the prescription being an electronic prescription.
77. The computer-readable medium of claim 75, the prescription being a paper prescription.
78. The computer-readable medium of claim 72, the instructions when executed by the electronic prescription creation device further causing the electronic prescription creation device to:
- communicate to a workstation via a network the reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.
79. A method comprising:
- receiving from an electronic device configured to create prescriptions a reason why a drug of a prescription created by the electronic device is to be dispensed as written.
80. The method of claim 79, the reason being received by a service provider of software for the electronic device.
81. The method of claim 79, the reason being received by a pharmacy.
82. The method of claim 81, further comprising forwarding the reason to at least one of a claims processor and a pharmacy benefit management company.
83. The method of claim 79, further comprising receiving the prescription.
84. A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium comprising:
- computer-readable program code for causing the electronic prescription creation device to query whether the user desires to dispense a drug as written; and
- computer-readable program code for causing the electronic prescription creation device to receive a reason why the drug is to be dispensed as written.

85. The computer data signal embodied in the transmission medium of claim 84, further comprising:

computer-readable program code for causing the electronic prescription creation device to present a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for dispensing the drug as written.

86. An apparatus comprising:

an electronic device configured to create prescriptions, the electronic device including means for receiving a reason why a user of the electronic device requests that a drug for a prescription is to be dispensed as written.

87. The apparatus of claim 86, the electronic device further comprising means for including the reason with a prescription created with the electronic device.

88. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium of an electronic device configured to create prescriptions, the code for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:

a plurality of representations each corresponding to a motive for dispensing a drug as written, each of the representations being selectable by a user of the electronic device.